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Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement by the Government of Uganda, entitled "The Kampala Understanding between the Congolese Rally for Democracy-Liberation Movement (RCD-ML) and the Union of Congolese Patriots (UPC)" (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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The Kampala understanding between the Congolese Rally for Democracy-Liberation Movement (RCD-ML) and the Union of Congolese Patriots (UPC)

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda convened a meeting of the RCD-ML leader Mbusa Nyamwisi and UPC leader Thomas Lubanga. In attendance were the third Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister, the Honourable James Wapakabulo, the Minister of Defence, the Honourable Amama Mbabazi, the Minister of State for Regional Cooperation, Colonel Kahinda Otafiire, and Colonel Noble Mayombo and Captain Ruhinda-Maguru of the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence of the Uganda People's Defence Force (CMI UPDF).

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was represented by Colonel Etumba as observer. After a review of the security situation in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and intensive discussions on the need for peace in Ituri, in accordance with the Lusaka and Luanda agreements, and in order to put an end to the senseless killings and forestall a humanitarian crisis in Ituri, the leaders of RCD-ML and UPC agree as follows:

1. RCD-ML and UPC shall cease hostilities at all fronts in Ituri, immediately.

2. In order to promote pacification of Ituri, RCD-ML agrees to immediately cease all military and political activities in Ituri that may affect the pacification process.

3. The three parties, namely Uganda, RCD-ML and UPC, agree to finding a solution to the problem of Ituri through the Ituri Pacification Committee in accordance with the Luanda agreement.

4. RCD-ML supports pacification effort and, as a sign of goodwill, agrees to withdraw all its forces in areas around Bunia to areas beyond Komanda.

5. In any other place where the two forces of RCD-ML and UPC are in close proximity they should pull back out of firing range to avoid accidental clashes until a permanent solution is found.

6. In furthering the work of the Ituri Pacification Committee, the implementation of the cessation of hostilities between the two parties and ending the senseless killings and possible humanitarian catastrophe, Uganda has agreed to deploy UPDF troops at Komanda and Gety in the context of the Lusaka and Luanda agreements.

Signed this 15th day of November 2002

1. Mbusa Nyamwisi — RCD-ML

2. Thomas Lubanga — UPC

3. James Wapakabulo — Uganda